



THE BETHEL INFORMER

March 2019

Pastor Tim Starbuck

How we live, interact, relate to life and to each other is rooted in how we worship, what we worship, and ultimately who we worship. So there is no getting round the fact that though we may lay claim to a separation of church and state, it is impossible to separate spirit and lifestyle. How we view the invisible world or the lack of it, will fully determine how we relate to the visible one. So much has been and continues to be said about the disintegration of the family and the culture that we might well wonder if there is anything else to be said and if so why? Who is listening? Why not just learn to live and let live. (or should it be die and let die?)

I knew a man once whose grandfather was an old circuit riding Methodist preacher. He actually rode horse back through the Tennessee/Kentucky hills preaching repentance and the judgment to come. One day his grandson said, *"Why do you keep preaching to these people? They are never going to change!"* His wise reply was, *"I keep preaching so they won't change me."*

Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Isaiah, among other prophets, warned their generations with little evidence that they were making any difference. Yet, they remained faithful in love and truth for the duration of the battle. They did not know that their words and deeds would be memorialized as sacred scripture. They were not motivated by that. They were motivated by their devotion to a Person, so in the face of the dust of death they stood to the end.

The apostle Paul's final days were not an auspicious end in the eyes of the world that executed him. But what did that matter when he stepped across the veil into reality where he was met by the company of heaven, as well by the King Himself?

Perspective is vital. It is what makes us *"keep preaching so they don't change us..."* It is what makes us keep caring what we communicate to our children. It is what moves us to love when we don't feel loving, to give when we don't feel generous, to speak when it would be so much easier to just *"not rock the boat."* It makes us take the time to check our son's text book to see if it is valid or poisonous, to meet face to face the young man who wants to date our daughter and let him know the grave danger he is in should he seek to violate the sacred trust of an evening out with her, or to take in the lonely stranger who has no other resource but you. Perspective is the FEAR OF THE LORD.

Noah had the right perspective. He was *"moved with fear and built an ark."* I hope you are building an ark where you are.

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We do not do so out of a morbid fear, but out of a fear which is the beginning of wisdom. There is a tormenting fear which never comes from God (II Timothy 1:7). Such fear communicates hopeless, helpless, torment (I John 4). But there is another kind of fear that comforts. The fear that compels one to get out of the reach of danger is a good fear, a friendly fear, a life saving fear. Such fear is truly *"the beginning of all wisdom."* The absence of such fear is the basis for being a fool.

So *"knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men."* (Colossians, II Corinthians 5:11) As the sun continues to slowly sink over the Gentile world and the *"night comes when no man can work"* we who know the Lord will shine *"brighter and brighter until we reach a perfect noon day."* (Proverbs 4:18) and as we do there are still many who do not want the darkness. They are becoming hungry for light and will come to it. So we keep saying the same things over and over and we do not get weary with the message. As Peter said in II Peter 1:12 *I am not tired of saying the same things over and over.* For they are being attacked over and over. And even those of us who know God's promises to be true and are committed to them can find that often the constant attack on our minds via the culture rot can slowly but surely begin to wear down. So it is good to hear over again the reality of God's truth which the world, the flesh, and the devil so hates.



***Please remember those of our church family
whose loved ones have gone to be with the Lord.***

Jeanette Lucas — January 30, 2019

Mother of Sherry McClamrock



**Please keep these persons and their circumstances
in your prayers:**

Ava Porter, Elsie Joiner, Gary Phelps, Lois Wilson,
Lois Leonard, Cody Cordell, and Frank Bartholow

Nursing Homes/Retirement Centers: Patsy Beck, Ellen Cobb,
Elmer Coggins, Jr., Jerri Edwards, Tammy Hanner, John Nance, Ruth Pittman,
Dora Walton, John Warren and Mary Warren

On-Going Schedule

Weekly

Sunday

9:15 a.m. Prayer Room Opens
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Assembly
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Youth Meeting

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5:00—8:00 p.m. Prayer Room
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice



Monthly

1st Tuesday

United Methodist Women

6:00 p.m. @ Family Life Center

1st Sunday

United Methodist Men

7:30 a.m. @ Family Life Center

2nd Thursday

Senior Adult Singles

11:00 a.m. Van leaves from Church



Calendar of Up-Coming Events

3	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Fundraiser Luncheon
5	6:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women
6	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00—8:00 p.m.	Prayer Room
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
9	7:00—10:00 a.m.	UMW Breakfast
10		Daylight Saving Time Begins
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
12	5:30 p.m.	CCM Meals of Grace (Team # 3—Leader, Martha Doby)
13	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00—8:00 p.m.	Prayer Room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
14	11:00 a.m.	S.A.S.S.Y. (Rainbow Restaurant)
17	7:30 a.m.	United Methodist Men
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
20	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00—8:00 p.m.	Prayer Room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
21	5:30 p.m.	CCM Meals of Grace (Team # 7—Leader, Dianne Fore)
24	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
27	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	5:00—8:00 p.m.	Prayer Room
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
31	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	5th Sunday Singing

**If you need to contact
Pastor Tim,
his numbers are:**

Pastor's Mobile: 336.590.2421

Parsonage: 336.590.2453

Happy Anniversary!

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Allen and Jeffrey Brown
22 George and Dianne Fore



*If your birthday or anniversary
is incorrect or not listed
please call the office and
let Wanda know. 476-4222
Thank you!*



There are open dates on the flower calendar:

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

**If you would like to reserve flowers
for any of these dates,**

Please Contact: Priscilla Wood (475-1654)



Daylight Savings Time!

Set your clock forward 1 hour on
Saturday night, March 9th

Happy Birthday!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sue Tobin
2 Niki Kimrey
2 Ashley Finch Padgett
6 Jeremy Adams
13 Martha Surratt
14 Sara Mayhew
16 Heather Whitman
18 Sharon Pierce
22 Jerri Edwards
23 Patrick Doby
24 Jeremiah Walton
26 Nathan Walker
28 Debbie Kennedy
28 Keith Tobin
28 Mark Surratt
28 Wade Loftin



Check it out! *Bethel's Webpage*
<http://www.bethelthomasville.com>



First day of Spring
Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Our Helpers and Leaders In March

Ushers: Alan Brown
Jerry Doby
Al Finch
Wade Loftin



*If you need to contact
the church secretary,
her hours are
as follows:*

*Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday
4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.*

Phone: 476-4222



Acolytes, Greeters, and Nursery

March 3

Acolyte	Seth Starbuck
Greeters	Charles and Linda Beck
Infant Nursery	Debbie Kennedy and Shirley Tobin

March 10

Acolyte	Zoë Starbuck
Greeters	Kemp and Sue Tobin
Infant Nursery	Charles and Priscilla Wood

March 17

Acolyte	Julie Beck
Greeters	Wade and Pat Loftin
Infant Nursery	Dianne Fore

March 24

Acolyte	Seth Starbuck
Greeters	Randy and Beth Mayhew
Infant Nursery	Linda Goins and Irene King

March 31

Acolyte	Zoë Starbuck
Greeters	Jerry and Martha Doby
Infant Nursery	Ricky and Cindy Simpson

The Mission of the Bethel United Methodist Church is to:

- B**ring people together for the worship of God by
- E**ncouraging a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through
- T**eaching the Gospel message of salvation. We must
- H**ear the cry of others-both spiritual and physical
- E**stablish supportive ministries for all ages by
- L**oving and affirming all people as they grow spiritually in their faith.





United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Tuesday, March 5th
6:30 p.m.
at the Family Life Center.

Program—Wavel Surratt

We will also plan for the breakfast.
Please bring Chapstick.

All women are invited to come and be a part of this wonderful missions group.



Books from the UMW Reading Program are in the library.



5th Sunday Singing
Sunday, March 31st
5:00 p.m.

Bethel UMC
508 Fisher Ferry Street
Thomasville, NC 27360

Please come and worship God with our area churches.

UNITED METHODIST
MEN

United Methodist Men

Sunday, March 17th
7:30 a.m.
at the Family Life Center.

All men are invited to attend!



The United Methodist Men have chicken pies to sell.

The price of the pies are **\$ 8.00** each.
Please call the church to get your pie.

Mugs for Sale!



The Evangelism Committee is selling Bethel Mugs to benefit the General Fund for \$5.00 each.

Committee members are:
Martha Doby, Joel and Melissa Ferguson.

The United Methodist Women are selling flavoring for \$3.00 a bottle.
Please contact **Dianne Fore at 475-3208** and leave a message on her answering machine or please see her at church if you would like to purchase a bottle.



Flavors

Rum, Maple, Vanilla (Clear & Regular), Banana, Butter Nut, Almond, Lemon, Butter, Coconut Flavoring and Black Walnut



United Methodist Women's Breakfast

Saturday, March 9th
7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Bethel UMC Family Life



Country Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Grits,
Stewed Apples, Gravy, Homemade Biscuits,
Coffee, Juice, Tea, Soft Drinks

Cost \$8.00 (Adults)
\$2.00 (Under 12)

8th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Our 8th Annual Chili Cook-off was held on Sunday, February 4th.

Our winning chili cookers were:



1st Place: Shirley Tobin
2nd Place: Sheila Myers
3rd Place: Sharon Beck

Congratulations to our winners!

A special thanks to all who provided crockpots of chili and to those who helped with set-up, clean up and to all who came to eat.

This event raised \$508.00.

MISSIONS / OPPORTUNITIES

Local Missions:



The UMW is collecting for the Cooperative Community Ministry.

The item for March is boxed cereal.



S.A.S.S.Y.
(Single Adult Seniors, 55+)
Invites You To Our
Monthly Fellowship Dinner

Rainbow Restaurant in High Point
Thursday, March 14th

Van Leaves the Church at 11:00 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist Church
Wavel Surratt (476-6568)

Don't forget to bring hygiene items for the teenagers for Communities in School.

The teenagers are also needing socks.



Fundraiser Luncheon

Sunday, March 3, 2019

12:00—1:30 p.m.

Immediately following
the worship service.

MENU

Country Style Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Ginger Carrots
Green Beans, Roll,
Dessert and Drink

Cost:

Adults — \$7.00

Children —
6 & under \$2.00
7-10 years \$3.00



LENTEN PROJECT

The Season of Lent 2018
Ash Wednesday, March 6th –
Easter Sunday, April 21st.

We will be using the Lenten Calendar to raise money for the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**. It is common for a local church to establish a fund which is intended to give its pastor complete discretion and authority to provide confidential financial support to persons in need. This is a great mission for Bethel.

The calendar brings to our attention, the simple things in our homes which are so important and allows us as families to work together each day on the project.

If you need a copy of the calendar, please see Martha Doby.

The offering will be placed under the Cross on **Easter Sunday, April 21st**.

Sincerely,

Martha Doby, Mission Chair



Youth Mission and Youth Project Fund Raiser:



The youth will be selling pine needles,
March and April – 8 a.m. - Noon,
on Saturdays beginning March 2nd
(as weather permits).

You may preorder.

Cost is \$4.00 per bale for regular (slash)
straw and \$4.50 per bale for
long leaf pine straw.

Youth Ministry



Youth Meetings

5:00 p.m.

March3
March10
March17
March24
March31

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins List

This is an updated list of addresses and birthdays for shut-ins and for those that are in nursing homes. I am sure that they would enjoy getting a card from anyone in their church family.

Abbotts Creek Center
877 Hill Everhart Rd.
Lexington, NC 27292

Room 110 - A

Mary Warren — June 29th

Clapps Nursing Center Inc.
5229 Appomattox Rd
Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

Room 608

Ruth Pittman — October 29th

Lexington Health Care Center
17 Cornelia Street
Lexington, NC 27292

Room 125

Patsy Beck — July 17th

Mallard Ridge Assisted Living
9420 N. Hwy. 150,
Clemmons, NC 27012

Room Unit C-10

Jerri Edwards — March 22nd

Piedmont Crossing
100 Hedrick Drive
Thomasville, NC 27360

Room 428

Ellen Cobb — August 9th

Room 215

Elmer Coggins, Jr. — December 18th

Room 235

John Nance — January 2nd

Pine Ridge Health & Rehab
706 Piney Wood Rd
Thomasville, NC 27360

Room 313

Dora Walton — June 1st

The Perryman House
902 Kenreed Drive
Thomasville, NC 27360

Tammy Hanner — November 2nd



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